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Senior Airman Daniel Condit / 55th CS

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Fasching (in truck) and Master Sgt. Richard Christensen, remove a MILSTAR satellite assembly from a storage trailer.

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55th Mobile Command and Control Squadron

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. — Housed in a non-descript building at Offutt AFB, Neb., people may be unaware of what the 55th Mobile Command and Control Squadron provides to the fight. It provides survivable command and control for the warfighter.

When directed to deploy, the 55th MCCC becomes an integral part of U.S. Strategic Command, providing a survivable and enduring C2 capability. Under normal circumstances, command and control of America's strategic nuclear forces comes from USSTRATCOM. Should an event incapacitate the command, the 55th MCCC can deploy a C2 capability—over the road—to keep key decision makers in the fight, no matter what.

For members of the 55 MCCC, the watchword is diversity. Not only are they trained in their primary specialty and their primary equipment, they're also skilled in vital expeditionary capabilities that ensure survival. This includes field living, high-threat convoy procedures, driving and directing 20-ton tractor-trailers, and more. Diversity ensures they're not reliant on any single person, which enhances mission accomplishment and mission success.

The men and women of the 55th MCCC ensure our strategic C2 capabilities are survivable and enduring. They fulfill a need in the nation's defense that is absolutely essential and ... no one comes close. (*1st. Lt. Alvin Salter contributed to this article.*)

MISSION STATEMENT: Execute operations, training and maintenance for the USSTRATCOM Mobile Consolidated Command Center and maintain the MCCC in a posture to facilitate rapid deployment.



Staff Sgt. Keith Harvey (front) and Tech. Sgt. Robert Westpfahl configure a Single Channel Anti-jam Manpower mobile terminal.



Airmen from the 55th MCCC install dish petals on the Defense Satellite Communications System antenna.

2 ROLL

COMMUNICATIONS: Ensuring a constant and enduring link between commanders and their combat assets. Communications systems provide critical voice and data links for C2 of combat forces.

RAPID DEPLOYMENT: Wheels are rolling very shortly after receiving the command to deploy. The impact of that requirement on day-to-day operations is that every piece of equipment and every person in the squadron is always ready to roll at a moment's notice. To ensure that end, the unit continually exercises and tests its procedures, leaving nothing to chance.

SURVIVABLE: The ability to rapidly deploy, install, operate and maintain C2 systems in the wake of a significant event. The 55th MCCA ensures continuity of operations and provides the essential services and capabilities that military commanders need—at the most critical time.

ENDURING: Self-sufficiency when deployed. Not only does the 55th MCCA carry ample amounts of supplies, such as food, fuel, water and spare parts, but there are also medics, weather specialists, security forces and chaplains who become a part of the unit—for the long haul.

CLARIFICATION OF TERMS

Master Sgt. Joe Sawyer and 1st Lt. Shawn Bendig hoist a DSCS antenna into a trailer.



Staff Sgt. William Newcomb checks the Primary Generator Distribution Assembly Transportable.

